

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) Proofing paper comprising:
  - (a) a first blank region for subsequent printing of a content image portion; and
  - (b) a second region outside of the first blank region having one or more standard color bars pre-printed thereon, and each of the one or more standard color bars having a plurality of color blocks, each color block reflecting a wavelength in the electromagnetic spectrum that represents a color selected from a color space.
2. (Original) The proofing paper of claim 1 wherein the second region further comprises one pre-printed standard color bar, the second region having a blank area adjacent to the pre-printed color bar for subsequent printing of a second color bar.
3. (Currently Amended) A hard proof that can be visually inspected to determine if the hard proof meets industry standards, the hard proof being a sheet of proofing paper comprising:
  - (a) a content image portion;
  - (b) one or more standard first color bars pre-printed on the sheet of proofing paper prior to printing of the content image portion thereon; and
  - (c) one or more second color bars printed along with the content image portion and printed in a predefined relationship to the one or more first color bars so as to allow for visual inspection directly on the proofing paper using only the color bar image data of the first and second color bars, and without using any external color reference materials, each of the one or more standard color bars having a plurality of color blocks, each color block reflecting a wavelength in the electromagnetic spectrum that represents a color selected from a color space, wherein a visually discernable color match indicates that a proof which meets industry standards has been made and a visually discernable color mismatch indicates that a proof which meets industry standards has not been made.

4. (Original) The hard proof of claim 3 wherein the first and second color bars are printed adjacent to each other.

5. (Original) The hard proof of claim 4 wherein the first and second color bars are selected so as to have identical color appearance when imaged with their corresponding ICC profiles using a calibrated marking system.

6. (Previously Presented) The hard proof of claim 3 wherein one or more of the second color bars are printed over at least a portion of the one or more first color bars, wherein subtractive colors are used for the visual inspection.

7. (Original) The hard proof of claim 6 wherein the first and second color bars have different color appearance when imaged with their corresponding ICC profiles using a calibrated marking system.

8. (Original) The hard proof of claim 3 wherein the content image portion and the one or more second color bars are part of a digital proof file.

9. (New) The proofing paper of claim 1 wherein the first blank region and the second region constitute the entire surface area of one side of the proofing paper.